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IN THE YEAR 20XX, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN HAS PLEDGED TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY AND PROTECT THE WORLD. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

MEGA MAN™

CHARACTER
= SELECT =



MEGA MAN
A.K.A. ROCK



DR. LIGHT
BENEVOLENT
INVENTOR



DR. WILY
VILLAINOUS WOULD-BE
CONQUEROR



QUICK MAN
SUPER-FAST
ROBOT MASTER

PREVIOUSLY...

A NEW START!

In his battles with Dr. Wily, Mega Man has faced twenty-four different Robot Masters! Eight were initially built by Dr. Light and were easily restored to their original, peaceful purposes — but the other sixteen were built or modified specifically for battle.

Only by using their special weapons against their unique design flaws was Mega Man able to overcome them all — but with Dr. Wily presumed dead and peace returned to the world...



what purpose is there for a
super fighting robot...?



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○ SYSTEM ONLINE
○ APPLY UPDATES

DWN-012
ONLINE

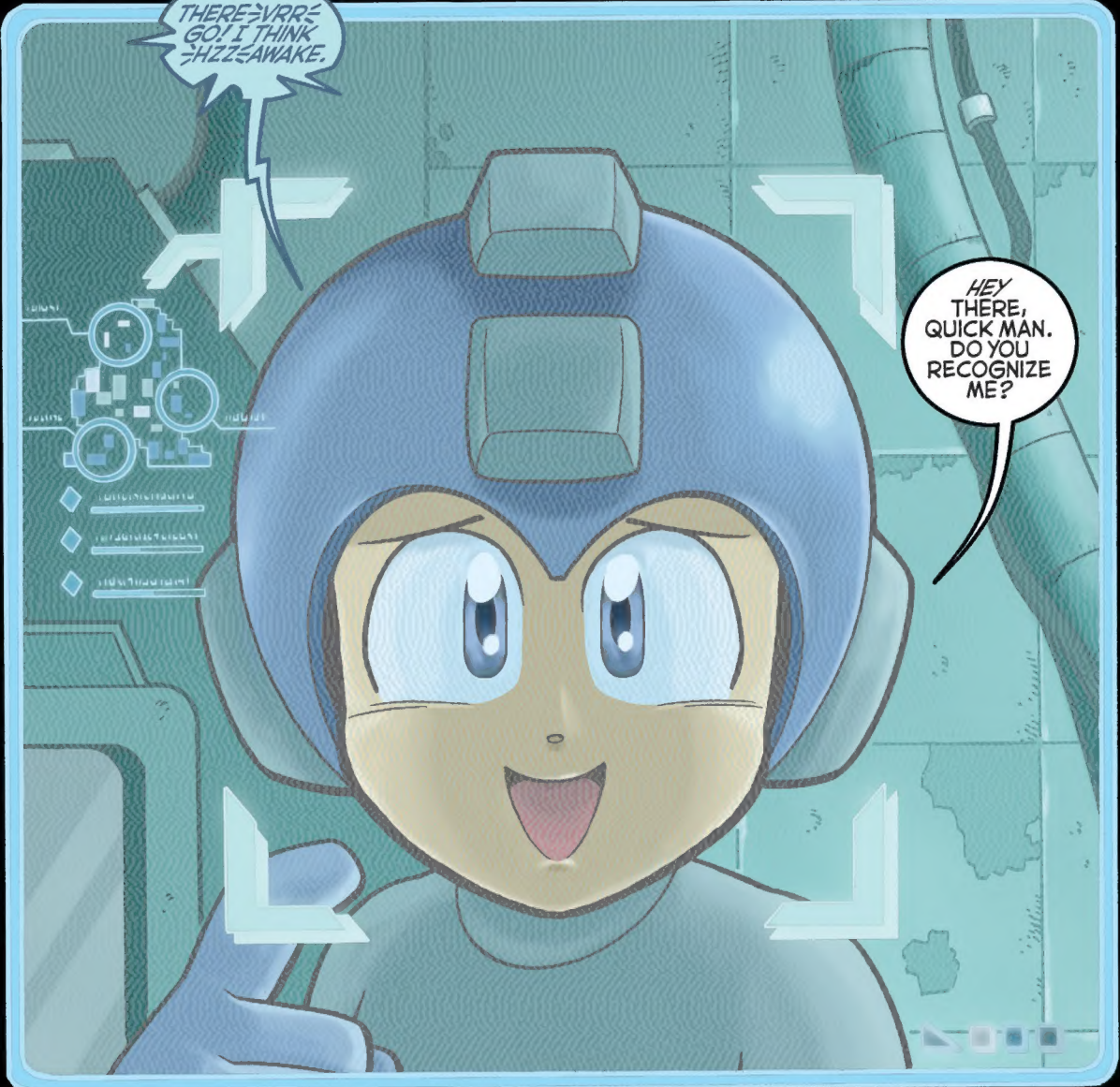
WEAPON
SYSTEM--
DISABLED

UPDATES COMPLETE
ACTIVATING COGNITIVE
SYSTEMS



THERE VRRR GO! I THINK
HZZZ AWAKE.

HEY
THERE,
QUICK MAN.
DO YOU
RECOGNIZE
ME?





PATRONIZING LITTLE PUNK!

WHOA!

AUTO
ROBO-MECHANIC

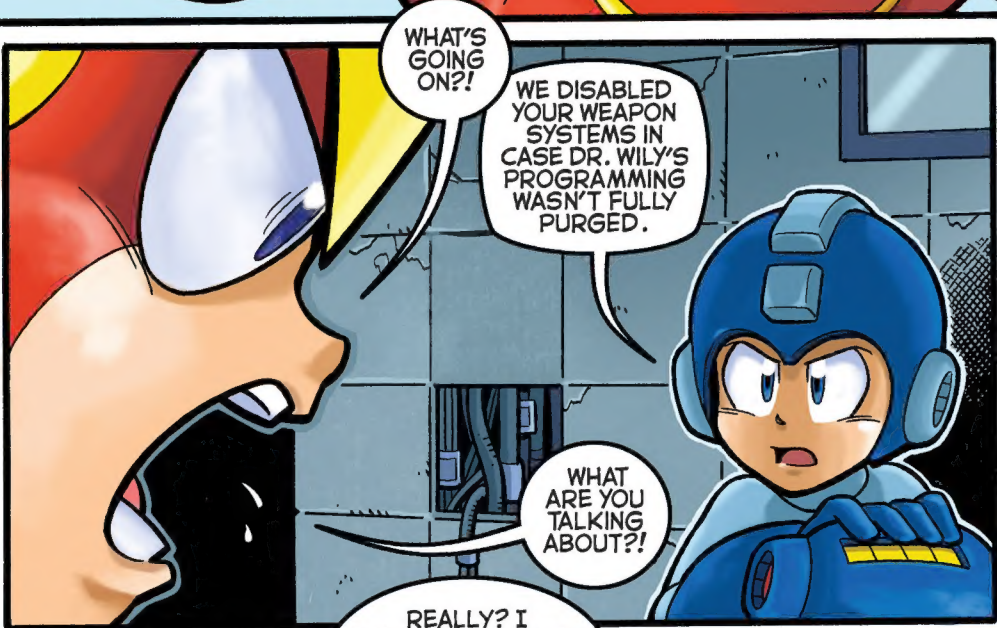
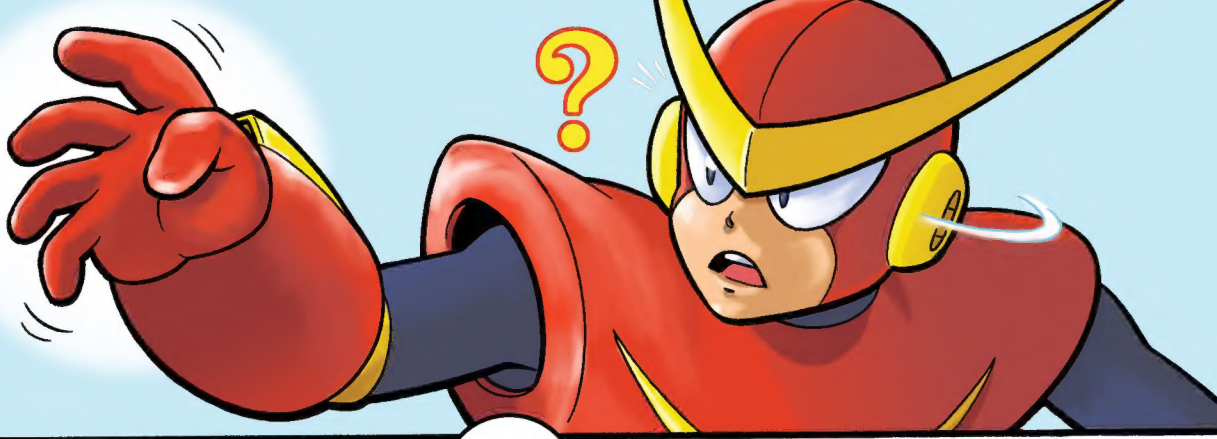
MEGA MAN
LIGHT-DESIGNED
HELPER ROBOT-
TURNED-WARRIOR

QUICK MAN
WILY-DESIGNED
SPEEDSTER



I DON'T
KNOW HOW
I'M BACK
ONLINE--

--BUT
I'M NOT
WASTING
A *SECOND*
WAITING
TO KICK
YOUR--!



WHAT'S GOING ON?!

WE DISABLED YOUR WEAPON SYSTEMS IN CASE DR. WILY'S PROGRAMMING WASN'T FULLY PURGED.

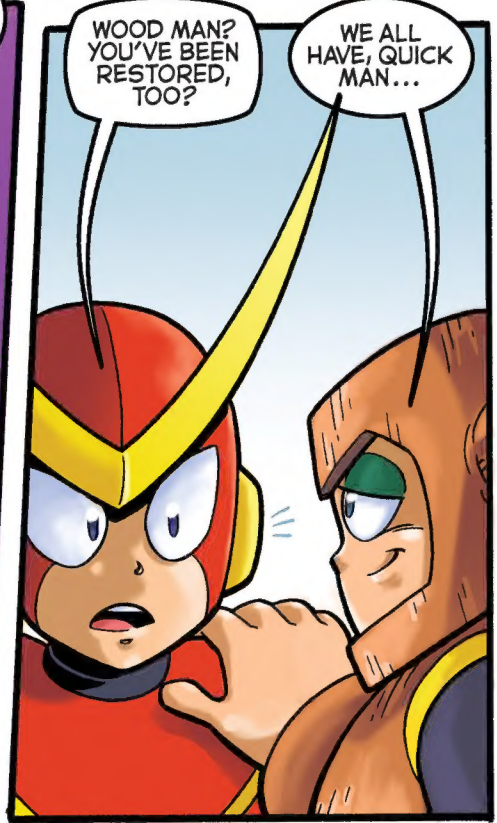
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

REALLY? I THOUGHT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE *QUICK* ON THE UPTAKE?

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?



BROTHER! CALM DOWN! YOU'RE MAKING A SCENE!



WOOD MAN? YOU'VE BEEN RESTORED, TOO?

WE ALL HAVE, QUICK MAN...

WOOD MAN
WILY-DESIGNED
WOODEN ROBOT

PRISONERS of *WAR*

SHADOW MAN
WILY-RESTORED
ALIEN ROBOT

NEEDLE MAN
WILY/LIGHT-
DESIGNED
MINING ROBOT

CRASH MAN
WILY-DESIGNED
DEMOLITIONS
ROBOT

SPARK MAN
WILY/LIGHT-
DESIGNED
DYNAMO ROBOT

...WE
ALL
ARE.

DR. LIGHT
INVENTOR

SNAKE MAN
WILY/LIGHT-
DESIGNED
SURVEYING
ROBOT

HARD MAN
WILY/LIGHT-
DESIGNED
LAND-LEVELER

BUBBLE MAN
WILY-DESIGNED
AMPHIBIOUS
ROBOT

AIR MAN
WILY-DESIGNED
AIR-MANIPULATOR

GEMINI MAN
WILY/LIGHT-
DESIGNED
HOLOGRAM-
MANIPULATOR

ROLL
LIGHT-
DESIGNED
HELPER
ROBOT

HEAT MAN
WILY-DESIGNED
INFERNO ROBOT

METAL MAN
WILY-DESIGNED
CUTTING ROBOT

FLASH MAN
WILY-DESIGNED
TIME-MANIPULATOR

MAGNET MAN
WILY/LIGHT-
DESIGNED
MAGNETIC ROBOT

RUSH
LIGHT-
DESIGNED
ROBO-DOG

TOP MAN
WILY/LIGHT-
DESIGNED
SCOUTING
ROBOT





I...DON'T...HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

I MADE A POINT OF PRESERVING YOUR I. C. CHIPS.* AFTER THAT, IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF REPAIRING THE BATTLE DAMAGE...

...AND BRINGING YOU BACK ONLINE.

* STORES A ROBOT MASTER'S UNIQUE PERSONALITY.

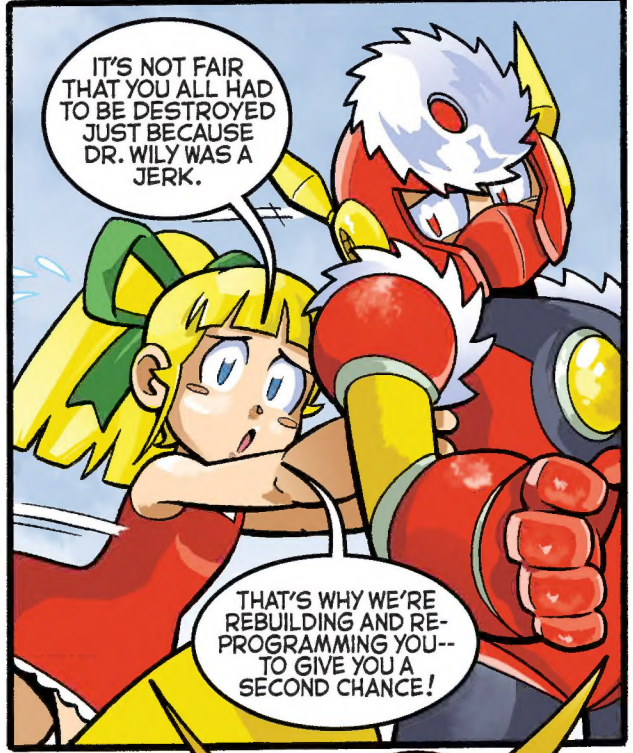


SPEAKING OF THE DAMAGE... SORRY ABOUT THAT. YOU GUYS DIDN'T LEAVE ME MUCH OF A CHOICE.

OF COURSE NOT! WE'RE YOUR ENEMIES! WE'RE THE BAD GUYS YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT, MR. BIG-SHOT HERO!



NOT NECESSARILY. ROBOTS ARE NEITHER GOOD NOR EVIL. THEY DO WHAT THEIR OPERATORS PROGRAM THEM TO DO.



IT'S NOT FAIR THAT YOU ALL HAD TO BE DESTROYED JUST BECAUSE DR. WILY WAS A JERK.

THAT'S WHY WE'RE REBUILDING AND RE-PROGRAMMING YOU-- TO GIVE YOU A SECOND CHANCE!



A CHANCE TO SERVE A BETTER FUNCTION!

RE-PROGRAMMED ...?

IF WE'RE ALL KUMBAYA-BUDDY-BUDDY NOW, HOW COME YOU'RE ALL ARMED AND ARMORED?

BECAUSE DR. WILY *WEAPONIZED* YOU ALL. WE *THINK* WE DISARMED YOU, BUT IT'S BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY.

OR DID YOU FORGET YOU KICKED ME, LIKE, THIRTY SECONDS AGO?

AND YOU SHOT A HOLE THROUGH MY CHEST.

CRY ME A RIVER, MEGA BABY.

SERIOUSLY, THO?... WHERE IS DOCTOR WILY?

HE...

THE LAST TIME WE FOUGHT... HIS CASTLE CAME CRASHING DOWN.

I WAS TOO DAMAGED TO MOVE, AND HE...

"... HE DIED."

WILY CASTLE
3 ISLAND...

--BEFORE I
REALLY LOSE MY
TEMPER! SO
MOVE IT, LADY!

THIS ISLAND IS
PRIVATELY OWNED
BY THE X
CORPORATION. WE
ARE CURRENTLY
TAKING INVENTORY OF
AN UNAUTHORIZED
BUILDING ON OUR
LAND. WE HAVEN'T
YET ASKED FOR
ANY POLICE
ASSISTANCE--

IT'S.
A.
WILY.
CASTLE.
AND.
YOU.
DON'T.
HAVE.
A.
WARRANT.

PERHAPS I
NEED TO SPEAK
MORE SLOWLY.

GILBERT D.
STERN
FEDERAL
AGENT

MADAM Y
LIAISON FOR THE
X CORPORATION

NO, BUT I GOT FIVE
GOOD REASONS *RIGHT
HERE* IF ANY OF YOUR
KNUCKLE-HEADS WANT
TO INSPECT 'EM--!

GIL! TAKE IT
DOWN A NOTCH,
PARTNER.

ROSLYN
KRANTZ
FEDERAL
AGENT

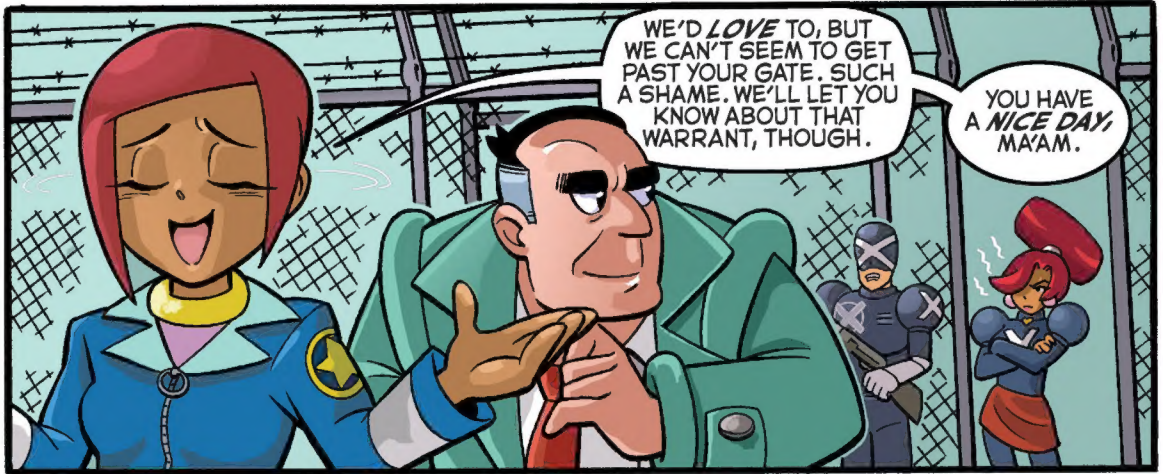


THANK YOU, MISS... KRANTZ, WAS IT? I *MIGHT* BE MORE COOPERATIVE IF YOU COULD HELP US WITH ONE SMALL MATTER.



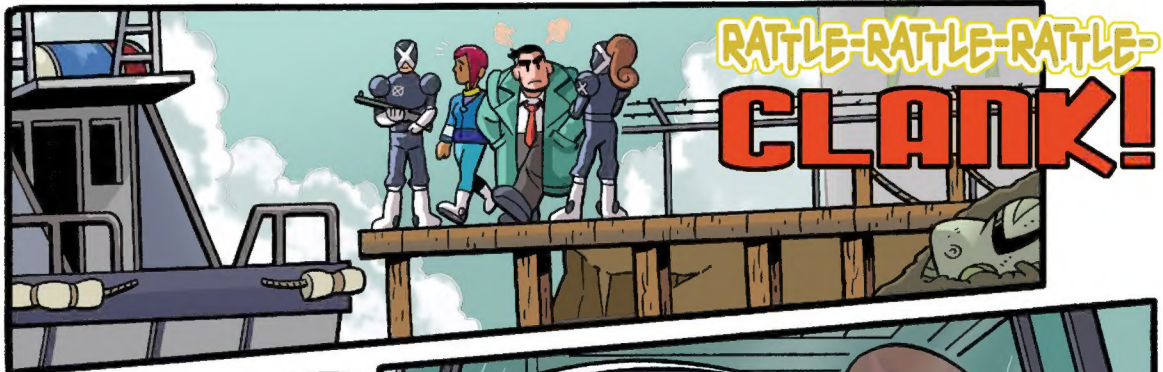
LIGHT LABS CONFISCATED EIGHT PIECES OF PROPERTY LEFT ON THIS ISLAND, AND IS CONTESTING OUR CLAIM TO SOME WRECKAGE FOUND ON-SITE.

IF YOU TWO COULD LOOK INTO THAT MATTER FOR US...

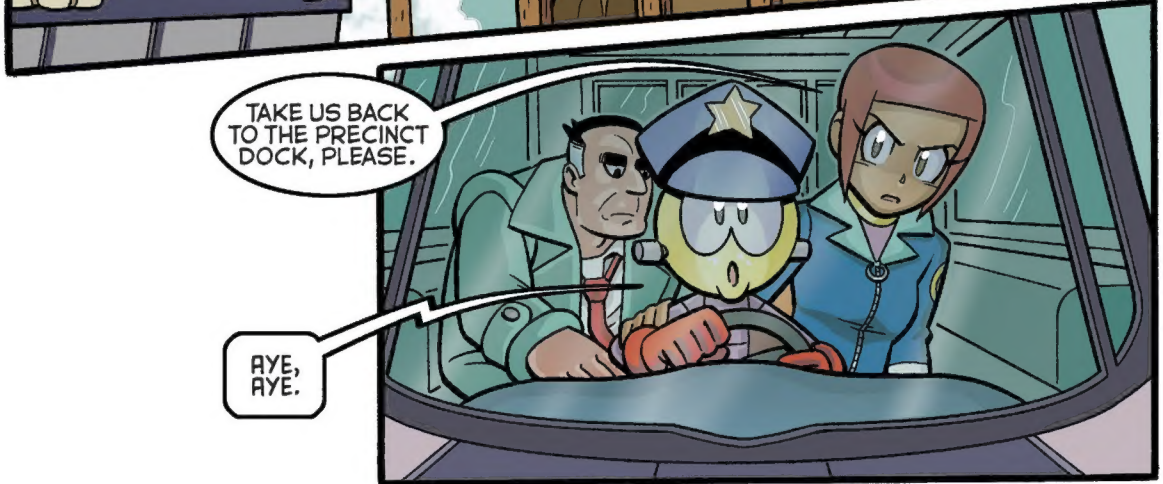


WE'D LOVE TO, BUT WE CAN'T SEEM TO GET PAST YOUR GATE. SUCH A SHAME. WE'LL LET YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT WARRANT, THOUGH.

YOU HAVE A *NICE DAY*, MA'AM.



RATTLE-RATTLE-RATTLE-
CLANK!



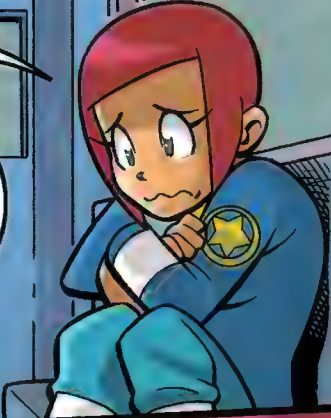
TAKE US BACK TO THE PRECINCT DOCK, PLEASE.

AYE, AYE.



BRRRR! THOSE CORPORATE MOOKS WERE *CREEPY!*

YEAH. SEEN 'EM A DOZEN TIMES ACROSS MY CAREER. HIT THE SAME WALL WITH 'EM EVERY TIME...



... BUT IT DOESN'T EXCUSE ME FLYING OFF THE HANDLE. THANKS FOR WATCHING MY BACK, ROSIE.

SAVE IT. I'M THE ONE THAT OWES YOU AN APOLOGY.



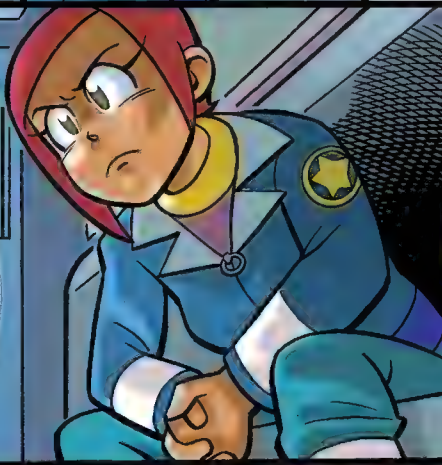
HOWZAT?

I THOUGHT EVERYONE IN THE OFFICE WAS RIGHT. THAT YOU WERE CHASING GHOSTS AND CONSPIRACIES.



BUT THAT WASN'T "SECURITY" BACK THERE --THAT WAS A PRIVATE MILITARY. AND THEY'RE COVERING UP FOR DOCTOR WILY. THE "X CORPORATION" SEEMS PRETTY REAL TO ME...

YEAH, WELL, KEEP A LID ON IT FOR NOW. THIS COVER-UP IS *SLOPPY* FOR THEM. WE'LL WAIT UNTIL THEY SLIP UP. BESIDES...



...ANYTHING OF VALUE
THERE HAS PROBABLY
ALREADY BEEN
SQUIRRELED AWAY.*

SOMEWHERE
ELSE ENTIRELY...

MNGH
...WH-WHERE
AM I...?

DR. WILY
LOOKING
GOOD FOR A
CORPSE

YOU'RE AWAKE.
RIGHT ON TIME.

WHO ARE
--?!

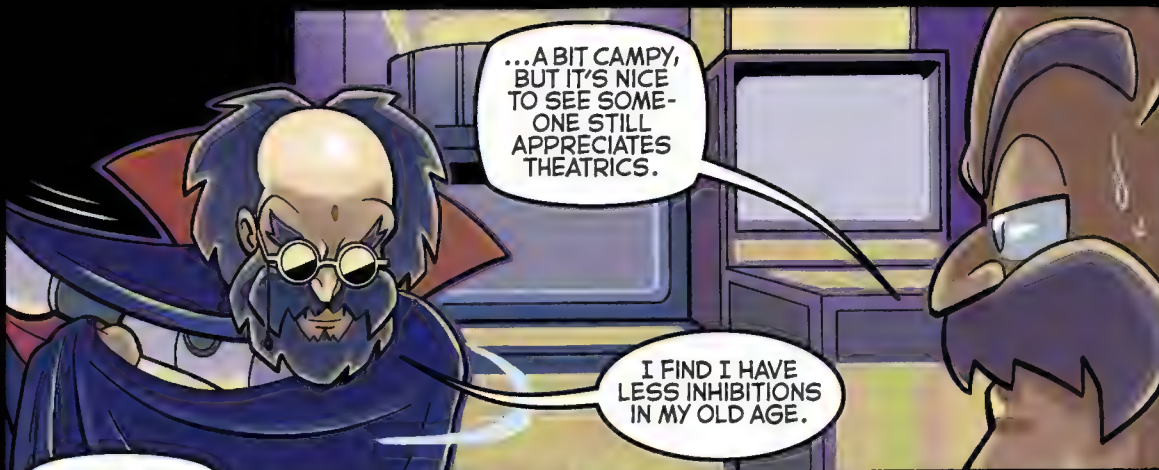
D-DO
I KNOW
YOU...?

NO.

BUT I'VE
KNOWN ABOUT
YOU FOR
LONGER THAN
YOU CAN
IMAGINE.

YOU
MAY CALL
ME--
*MR. X!**

* SEEM FAMILIAR?
SEE MM#38...



...A BIT CAMPY, BUT IT'S NICE TO SEE SOMEONE STILL APPRECIATES THEATRICALS.

I FIND I HAVE LESS INHIBITIONS IN MY OLD AGE.



ON YOUR FEET, DOCTOR! WE HAVE MUCH TO DISCUSS.

IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO YOU, I'LL STAY RIGHT HERE.

I FEEL LIKE I JUST CAME OUT OF A MEAT PROCESSOR.



YOU WORK FOR ME NOW, DOCTOR WILY.

YOU CAN HOBBLE ALONG ON THOSE CRUTCHES, OR MY MEN HERE WILL MAKE YOU *REQUIRE* A WHEELCHAIR.




I-IT'D PROBABLY DO SOME GOOD TO GET THE BLOOD PUMPING! (IN MY VEINS...)

ER...ANY IDEA WHY MY ARM AND LEG ARE TINGLING?

THEY WERE BROKEN WHEN MY PEOPLE FOUND YOU. BUT WE PATCHED YOU UP.



WE'RE CAPABLE OF SUCH MEDICAL MARVELS THESE DAYS...



WELL, YOU'VE ALREADY SHOWN OFF YOUR HEALTHCARE PROGRAM. WHAT EXACTLY AM I DOING FOR YOU...ER... BOSS?

YOU'RE GOING TO TRY TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD.

WH-WHAT?!

IN MY YOUTH, I THOUGHT I COULD STOP THE ROBOTIC MENACE BY OPENLY FIGHTING IT. I WAS SURE HUMANITY WOULD RALLY TO MY HEROIC CALL-TO-ARMS.

THAT'S WHY I NEED YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR WORK. YOUR SELFISH, VIOLENT AMBITIONS WILL SHOCK THE WORLD INTO ACTION.

IF I CANNOT *TELL* THEM OF THE THREAT TO COME, I WILL *SHOW* THEM THROUGH THEIR OWN SUFFERING.

BUT I'VE *SEEN* THE FUTURE, DR. WILY. HUMANITY EMBRACES THE SYNTHETIC WAY OF LIFE, AND IT LEADS TO ...SUCH HORRORS.

THREATS OF VIOLENCE AND NOW SUCH "FLATTERY." YOU'RE SUCH THE CHARMING EMPLOYER.

NO FLATTERY, DOCTOR. YOU'RE A MONSTER, AND I NEED TO UNLEASH YOU ON THE WORLD.

AND FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, YOU NEED TO BE *WELL STOCKED.*

IT'S TIME, DR. WILY.

"TIME TO BUILD MORE ROBOT MASTERS."

YOU CAN ACT NICE ALL YOU WANT, BUT NO AMOUNT OF REPROGRAMMING WILL CHANGE MY LOYALTY TO DR. WILY!



ACTUALLY, IT'S LIKE FLIPPING A SWITCH. BUT JUST THINK--YOU COULD BE A VALUABLE ECO-SYSTEM MANAGER!

IS... IS THAT A RESPECTED POSITION?

YOU'RE AMPHIBIOUS! YOU'D BE CRUCIAL!



SOLD!

I COULD OVERSEE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE METEOROLOGICAL ARRAY.*

USE MY COMMAND OF THE AIR CURRENTS TO BE AN UNPARALLELED FORECASTER.

* DESTROYED IN MEGA MAN VOL. 3.

THEY COULD USE MY ADVANCED TIME CIRCUITS AT THE CHRONOS INSTITUTE. THEY'VE GOT TO BE SUFFERING WITH MEASLY TIME MAN IN THEIR EMPLOY.



I HAD A HAND IN DESIGNING EIGHT OF YOU, BEFORE ALBERT STOLE THE BLUEPRINTS. YOU HAVE AN INDUSTRIAL FUNCTION BUILT INTO YOU.

HONEST WORK FROM AN HONEST FUNCTION...

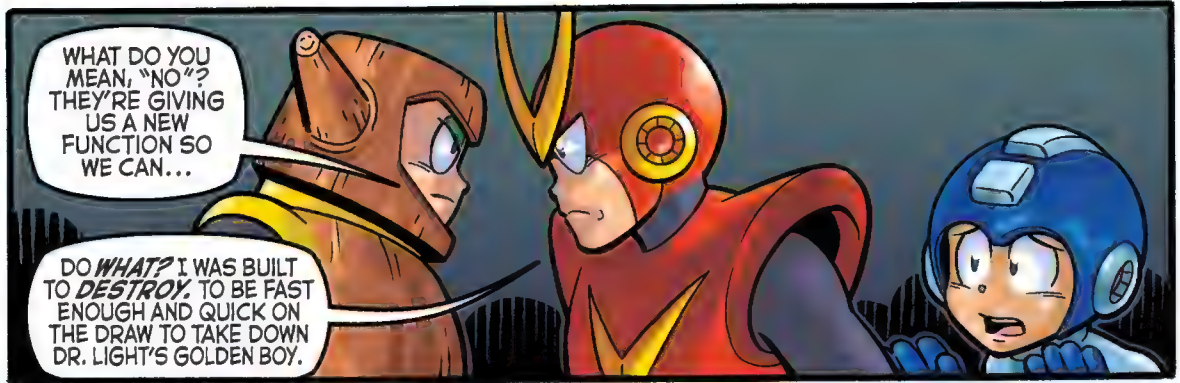
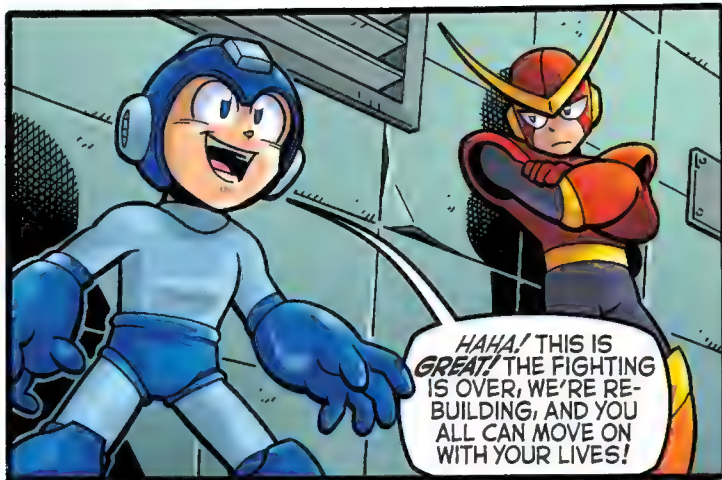


...EVEN ME?

AHH! AH-HA-HA! YES, SNAKE-MAN. I HAD YOU BUILT FOR TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEYING.

INTRIGUING.







... BUT... CRASH MAN!
YOU'RE FROM HIS LINE!
TELL HIM THIS IS A
GOOD IDEA!



IT IS--FOR SOME OF
YOU. BUT WHAT DO I
DO? BLOW STUFF UP
AND WAIT FOR EVERY-
ONE TO HANDLE EVERY-
THING ELSE FOR ME?

NO, THANKS.

NO! WE
JUST GOT
REUNITED!



HE'S RIGHT, KID.
WE APPRECIATE THE
SENTIMENT...

... BUT WHEN
YOU'RE BUILT
FOR BATTLE,
BECOMING A
LUMBERJACK
ROBOT DOESN'T
HOLD ANY
APPEAL.



SOME OF US ARE TOO
EXPERIMENTAL TO HAVE ANY
PRACTICAL USE.

OR WE'RE *TOO*
SPECIALIZED.



DOCTOR LIGHT! Y-YOU'VE GOT TO TELL THEM! MAYBE THEN THEY'LL...

GENTLEMEN, YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND YOUR RECONSTRUCTION CAME WITH A PROVISIO.

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE A PRACTICAL PURPOSE, BY FEDERAL LAW YOU MUST BE DECOMMISSIONED.

FINE BY ME. I'D RATHER GO OFFLINE WITH DIGNITY.

YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT!



I CAN, AND I DO.

IF WE RESIST, YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE US DOWN. YOU ALREADY TOOK OUR WEAPONS, SO IT'D BE A SLAUGHTER. IF WE GET REPROGRAMMED, WE STOP BEING *US*.

BEING DE-COMMISSIONED SOUNDS LIKE THE BEST OPTION TO ME.

...NO. I THINK I'LL STICK AROUND.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, SHADOW MAN?

HEH. GOTCHA.






I'M GLAD SO MANY OF YOU CAN FIND A NEW FUNCTION, BROTHERS. BUT AS FOR US--SHUT US DOWN.




NO! I FOUGHT SO HARD TO KEEP YOU ALL INTACT! WE REBUILT YOU!



WE...WE CAN STILL PRESERVE THEM. MAYBE--I DON'T KNOW--START A... A ROBOT MUSEUM...?

THAT'S NOT THE SAME! YOU'RE LETTING YOURSELVES GO TO WASTE!

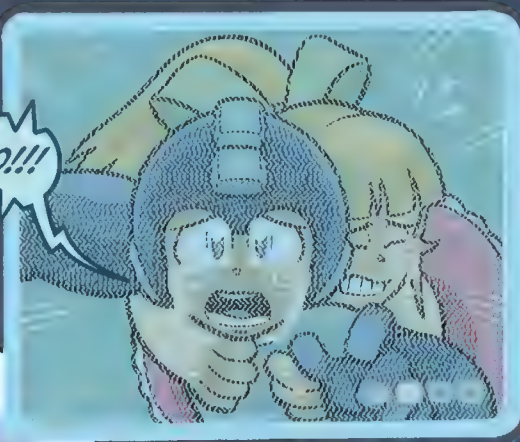


TO NOT BE THE *REAL* QUICK MAN--

--NOW *THAT'S* A WASTE.



NO!!!



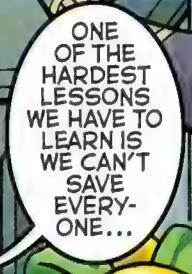
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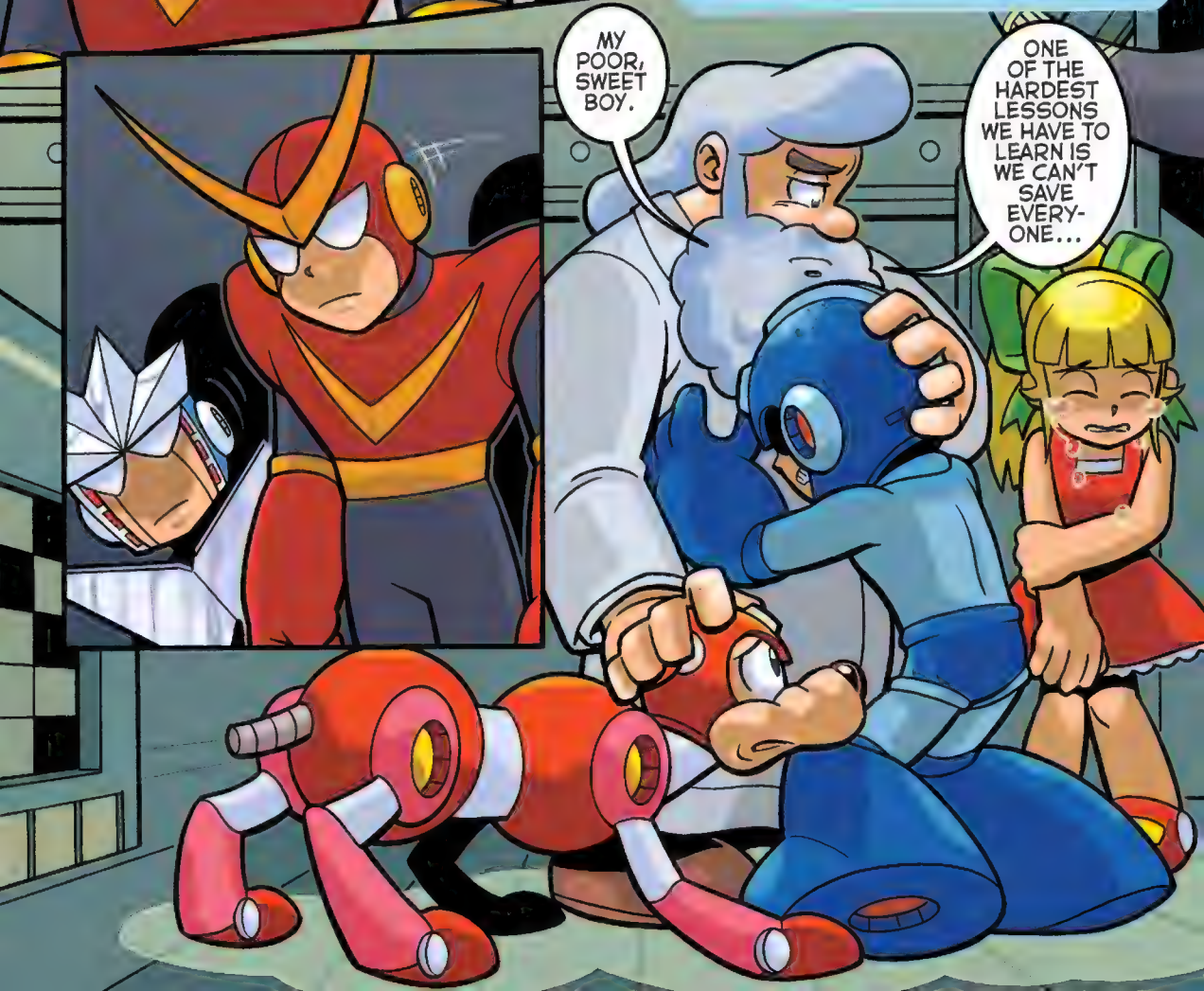
OFFLINE



MY POOR, SWEET BOY.



ONE OF THE HARDEST LESSONS WE HAVE TO LEARN IS WE CAN'T SAVE EVERYONE...



"...AND NOT EVERYONE WANTS TO BE SAVED."

YOU'RE LOOKING SPRY. I TAKE THIS TO MEAN YOU ACCEPT MY OFFER?

OF COURSE! A FEW ACHES AND PAINS CAN'T KEEP ME FROM **CREATING!**



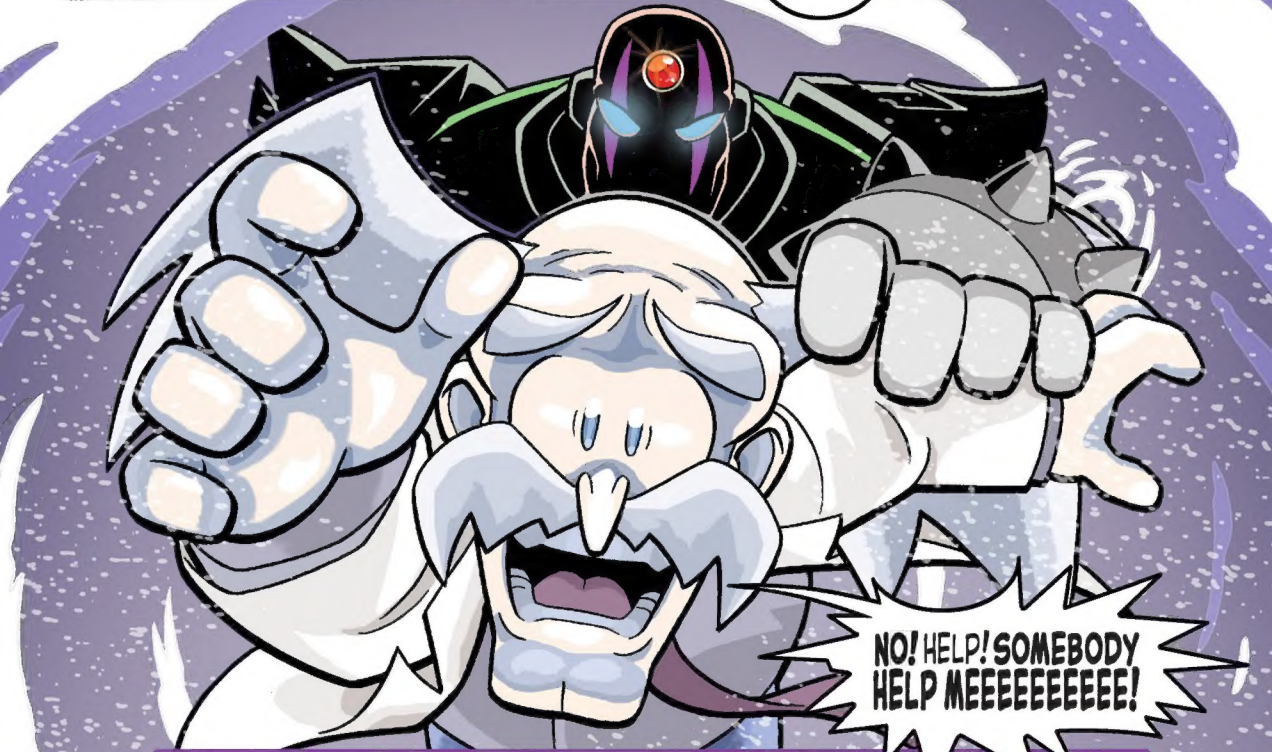
AND I'LL BOW AND SCRAPE FOR A BIT, USING YOU FOR EVERY CENT AND SCRAP YOU'VE GOT.

AND THEN, WHEN MY ARMY IS READY, I'LL OUST YOU AND TAKE THIS WHOLE OPERATION FOR MY OWN!

EXCELLENT. **SHVORN**

AH! YOUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT BEGINS NOW.

WHAT IN THE--?!



NO! HELP! SOMEBODY HELP MEEEEEEEEEE!

THERE'S NO STOPPING THINGS NOW, DR. WILY!
"WORLDS UNITE" IS UPON US!
SEE WHERE DR. WILY WINDS UP STARTING WITH PART ONE IN **SONIC UNIVERSE #76!**
YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO CATCH UP ON "WORLDS COLLIDE" AND OTHER MEGA MAN ADVENTURES WITH THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

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PART FOUR of TWELVE



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I CAN'T FIND MY KEYS, MAN!
UGH-001

ITCH MAN
ICK-002

MOTION SICKNESS MAN
ACK-003

FRAGILE MAN
MEH-004

Speech bubbles:
"I JUST HAD 'EM A SECOND AGO..."
"OOOH, YEAH..."
"THAT'S THE SPOT."
"PLEASE, PULL THE CAR OVER..."
"..."

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